

## SUCCESSFUL CASEWORK

Ms. Lehn Su of Rosemead passed the U.S. citizenship exam and waited a year to receive her citizenship papers, but received no response. She then contacted Congresswoman Solis' staff who intervened on her behalf with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service. A few months later, Ms. Su became a naturalized citizen.

Please contact Congresswoman Solis' district offices if you need assistance contacting a federal agency including:

- IRS
- Social Security
- Service Academy Nominations
- Immigration/Citizenship
- Small Business Grants
- Veterans Administration

## A NEW DIRECTION IN CONGRESS

The 110th Congress is making progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face. For too many years, these challenges have gone unaddressed. Under Democratic leadership, this Congress is changing the way we do business in Washington - restoring accountability and working together to get the job done. In the first 100 Hours, working across party lines, the House passed measures restoring honesty and openness in government, re-establishing fiscal responsibility, strengthening our national security giving more people the opportunity to attain the American Dream. Next in our agenda we will work on improving the defense of our country, strengthening health care for families and protecting our planet by reducing our dependency on foreign oil.



*Congresswoman Solis participates in the Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment's Microenterprise Development and Equity grants ceremony. For more than 30 years PACE has addressed the employment needs of the Asian Pacific Islander community.*

## SOLIS APPOINTED TO GLOBAL WARMING COMMITTEE



*Congresswoman Solis, a nationally recognized environmental advocate, encouraged residents to do their part in taking care of the environment at Greenfest in the city of Monterey Park.*

Congresswoman Solis was recently appointed by Speaker Nancy Pelosi to the newly created Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming. The Committee will make recommendations to Congress about how to reduce the U.S. dependency of foreign oil and prevent global warming.



# CONGRESSWOMAN HILDA L. SOLIS



## UPDATE TO THE ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY

Dear Friends,

May 2007

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month is observed in May to acknowledge the contributions of people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent in the United States. During this month, I look forward to participating in community events and remembering the rich and diverse history of the Asian Pacific Islander community in the 32nd Congressional district.

As a member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, I am proud to represent you in the U.S. House of Representatives. I am working hard to restore honesty and openness in government, improve educational opportunities, protect our environment, expand access



to affordable health care and strengthen our economy.

Please do not hesitate to contact my district offices regarding any concerns you may have with the federal government.

Sincerely,

*Hilda L. Solis*

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*Congresswoman Solis congratulates El Monte resident Man Luc and his family for his prestigious appointment to the United States Naval Academy on a full scholarship. Solis nominated Luc to this prestigious university and service academy.*

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# SOLIS' WORK ON ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER ISSUES



## CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP

Congresswoman Solis hosted a Citizenship Forum, in which legal residents had an opportunity to file for naturalization before the scheduled fee increases. The filing fees for citizenship applications are scheduled to increase from \$400 to \$675 as early as June 1, 2007. More than 400 people took advantage of this workshop where they received free assistance with completing forms in Cantonese, English, Mandarin Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and Taiwanese.



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## SOLIS HOSTS EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE

In April, Congresswoman Solis hosted an Education Roundtable in Duarte to discuss the upcoming reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act and the impact it will have on California's public schools. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell gave the keynote address and spoke about the state of education in California. A total of 17 school districts from the San Gabriel Valley and surrounding areas were represented. Congresswoman Solis supports funding for bilingual education, English-language learners programs, and special education.

## SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

More than 28,084 Asian Pacific Islanders have served, or are currently serving our country overseas. Congresswoman Solis is a staunch supporter of our troops and veterans.



Congresswoman Solis, participated in the "Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen Award" ceremony at the El Monte Army Reserve Center.

She has introduced the Culturally Competent Veteran Care Act H.R. 542, a bill which requires the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide counseling and other mental health services to veterans who have limited proficiency in English and to ensure that such services are available in both English and a language in which that veteran is proficient.

## EXPANDING SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Congresswoman Solis is working to secure more federal support for small businesses, more than 1.1 million of which are owned by APIs. She strongly supports funding for the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), which provides critical financial assistance to women- and minority-owned small businesses. For more information, contact the SBA at (1-800) U-ASK-SBA.



Congresswoman Solis attends a hearing with fellow lawmakers Rep. Maxine Waters (CA-35) and Rep. Mike Honda (CA-15) in which they discussed health disparities among communities of color.

## ADDRESSING HEALTH CARE CHALLENGES

Access to quality affordable health care is essential. More than 2.3 million API residents lack health insurance.



Congresswoman Solis speaks to residents about affordable health care.

Congresswoman Solis is fighting to prevent cuts in Medicare and Medi-Cal, which provide access to health services for our seniors and vulnerable populations. In addition, she believes linguistically appropriate and culturally competent services are fundamental to the delivery of quality services. She is working with her colleagues in the Congressional Hispanic, Asian American, and Black Caucuses on a bill to reduce and eliminate health disparities. Also, Congresswoman Solis participated in the 2007 Democratic Leadership's Asian American and Pacific Islander Town Hall in Capitol Hill.

## WOMEN FORUM RECOGNIZING LOCAL WOMEN

On March 24th, during a meeting on women's issues, Congresswoman Solis recognized 13 women from the 32nd Congressional District for their extraordinary service to our communities. Individuals recognized included Lila Saito, an artist from Monterey Park who has designed the children's artwork for the Monterey Park "Tiny Tot" program and the Langley Center Japanese Garden in Monterey Park and Polly Low, a civic activist from Rosemead.

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